1	2	3	4	5
13.	Tripura	220	11	1
14.	Uttar Pradesh	1612	36	5
15.	West Bengal	1300	65	10
16.	Pondicherry	120	3	..
	TOTAL :	20246	521	79

Policy for better Utilisation of Resources in Agriculture

2847. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a new policy for the better utilization of the resources in the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the outlines of the new policy;

(c) the expected time of the implementation of new policy;

(d) the steps taken in that regard so far; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) A draft Agriculture Policy Resolution (APR) was placed in Parliament on 14th May, 1993. The main objective of the APR is to accelerate alround development and economic viability of agriculture sector. It seeks to review resource allocation in the agriculture sector with a view to re-channelising available resources from current support measures towards capital formation and infrastructure building. It aims at creating a favourable economic climate for increasing farmers own investments and efforts through a favourable price and trade regime.

(d) and (e) Some of the major steps taken in this regard include higher public sector outlays for agriculture & allied activities, focus on greater public sector investments, substantial increase in farm credit, increase in minimum support price of agricultural commodities as also reduction in controls on domestic and foreign trade in agriculture, etc.

विगत तीन जनगणनाओं में पशुधन की संख्या

2848. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विगत तीन जनगणनाओं में पशुधन विशेषकर गाय, भैंस, भेड़, बकरी आदि के संबंध में स्थिति क्या है ;

(ख) विगत तीन जनगणनाओं में प्रति हजार मानव जनसंख्या के आधार पर पशुधन की संख्या क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि पशुधन की संख्या में कमी आई है; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं और यदि कोई कदम उठाने का विचार नहीं है, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) और (ख) : विगत तीन संगणनाओं के अनुसार प्रति हजार

मानव संख्या के लिए पशुधन की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

(मिलियन में)

	1977	1982	1988
(1) गायें (दूध देने वाली और दूध न देने वाली)	49.78	53.78	56.32
(2) भैंसें	62.01	69.78	76.77
(3) बकरियां	75.62	95.26	110.21
(4) भेड़	40.91	48.76	45.69
(5) कुल पशुधन . . .	369.53	419.59	429.57
			(संख्या में)
(6) प्रति हजार मानव संख्या के लिए पशुधन की संख्या	583	593	545

(ग) जी, नहीं। राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर पशुधन संख्या में कोई गिरावट नहीं आई है। देश में पशुपालन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रजनन, आहार तथा स्वास्थ्य की देखभाल के क्षेत्रों में अनेक राज्य तथा केन्द्रीय योजनाओं का क्रियान्वयन किया जा रहा है।

Newspaper report on fertiliser supply

2849. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent news report captioned "PMO put on alret regarding fertiliser supply; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to save the rabi crop particularly wheat, from the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) In the absence of details regarding the name of the Newspaper and the date of publication, it is not possible to verify the news report. However, there was no crisis in the availability of fertilisers during the current Rabi, 1994-95 season as the constraints in the availability, when felt, were removed on an urgent basis.

Development of prawn culture in the coastal areas

2850. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the reaction of Central Government in regard to the opposition that emerged in the coastal areas against development of prawn culture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The Government being fully aware of the apprehensions expressed in different circles on the adverse impact of shrimp farming in the Coastal areas, advised the maritime states, as early as 1993, to ensure that:

(i) before any proposal for setting up of integrated shrimp farming units is considered for approval as 100 per cent Export Oriented Units or Joint Ventures, such units should obtain clearance from the Environmental angle, of the State Pollution Control Boards;

(ii) such projects should incorporate an Environmental Monitoring Plan and a Management Plan which inter-alia should include treatment of